

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004, claims 1-14 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,047, the parent of the present application, and it was indicated in Paragraph 2 that the claims appeared to claim patentable matter for similar reasons for which the parent application was allowed.

When the present application was filed in the Patent Office on June 23, 2003, a terminal disclaimer was included with the papers that were filed. That terminal disclaimer and a 2-page terminal disclaimer transmittal are available on "Image File Wrapper" section of the Patent Office's PAIR system, under the heading "Miscellaneous Incoming Letter" having a filing date of June 23, 2003. As noted on the terminal disclaimer transmittal, since the terminal disclaimer is applicable to the parent of the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the double-patenting rejection is not applicable.

An information disclosure statement and PTO-1449 form were also filed with the present application on June 23, 2003 and are available on the Patent Office's PAIR system. That PTO-1449 form listed documents that were considered in connection with the parent application. A new information disclosure statement and PTO-1449 form are being submitted herewith. The new PTO-1449 form incorporates the documents in the PTO-1449 form filed on June 23, 2003 and includes new documents. On the new PTO-1449 form, the documents that were not considered by the Examiner in connection with the parent application, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,620,047, have been marked with asterisks.


If there is any matter that the Examiner would like to discuss, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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